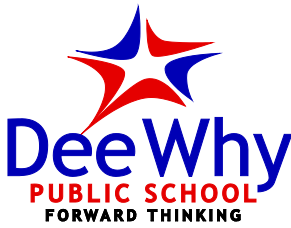


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Principal's Report – September, 2016

Term 2 Focus: Fit Kids

Opera House Honours

The boys and girls from the school Recorder Ensemble did the school proud by participating in the Department of Education and Communities' Festival of Instrumental Music, held in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House. The ensemble joined hundreds of other students in rehearsals and the evening performance of a variety of pieces.



Thank you to Fran Kean, Fiona Davy and Anne Rika for conducting and supervising our clever musicians on this prestigious evening!



Swim Scheme Super Stars

42 students from Years 2 – 6 are more than half way through the intensive 'learn to swim' program as part of the Dee Why Public School PDHPE curriculum. We have been amazed by the level of improvement in such a short space of time. Students who were initially fearful of hopping into the swimming pool are now growing in confidence in water skills. Other students are learning breathing and stroke techniques that enable them to swim safely and for longer periods of time. We look forward to seeing ongoing improvement in swimming skills and water safety over the second

week of the program.

Thank you to Ms Hillier for coordinating this valuable experience!

Stage 3 Canberra Trip

Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful time on their excursion to Canberra in week 2 of this term.

The staff involved Mr Chaffer, Ms Hillier, Mrs Scollay and Mr Wyllie also experienced the amazing joy of taking so many great Dee Why PS children on an adventure they had never been on before. I think day 2 in the snow was the highlight of the trip with only 6 out of the 66 students ever seeing snow before. Cruising up to the mountain on the ski tube and the doors opening at the top to an extraordinary day of great weather set the scene. There were many snowballs thrown and many smiles had from all who attended. What an amazing year for us all on camp in stage 3!!

A School of Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity and Harmony

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Thank you to Mr Wyllie, Ms Hillier and Mrs Scollay for making for such a memorable camp!

Education Week Open Day

it's a big congratulations to all our teachers and students for putting on a fantastic show at this week's Education Week Open Day!

Dee Why Public School was definitely "a buzz" as each class or grade put their "best foot forward" and entertained our school community. The variety of items was to be praised, as the different items allowed the parents into our world of education and showed them the amazing array of skills the teaching profession possess to keep all students engaged and successfully learning. There were many parents comments throughout the morning on the high level of professionalism displayed by both staff and the students to put on such a "slick" performance. Well done all!



A big thank you Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Barbour for your vision and organisation, and to those that assisted in other ways, such as Mr Freeland on sound and Mr Wyllie on chairs.

Upcoming Events:

Book Parade, *Tomorrow*

Working Bee, *10th September, 10am*

Luna Park Excursion (Stage 2), *12th September*

Lifestart Information Afternoon, *15th September, 3pm*

Dr Suess Day (Year 1), *16th September*

Primary Proms, *20th September*

Mark Chaffer
Principal

